

Father's Day Brief

This is the **twelfth** in a series of weekly e-mails to keep you informed about everything Father's Day 2012



Virginia takes the Lead

HUD is thrilled to announce that nearly 300 PHAs have registered *Father's Day* events, surpassing last year's number! This accomplishment is due to the collective efforts of PHA staff, HUD Field Office Staff and Regional Directors from across the country. Thank you all.

The state of Virginia leads the nation in events active with 26 PHAs hosting *Father's Day* celebrations. Jerryl Bennett, the Director of HUD's Richmond Office of Public and Indian Housing, sent in the three descriptions below of *Father's Day* events in the state.

Virginia Beach will host their Father's Day KICK-OFF EVENT, Sunday, June 24th 2012, at Williams Farms Park with numerous activities planned such as: Arts & Crafts for Child and Father, Music Production, Fraternity Step Team, Sport Activity – Flag Football, and Delta Sigma Step Team. Virginia Beach is focusing on building a stronger partnership with over 12 different agencies which will help fathers strengthen, learn, and believe in building a solid relationship with their children. A few of those agencies are City of Virginia Beach Department of Housing Neighborhood Preservation, Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Dept, Department of Human Services- Father in Training, Department of Human Services-Social Services Division, Nu Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and Delta Sigma Theta Step Team.

The power of collaboration is front and center behind the efforts of the Little Ten Housing Authorities of Southwest Virginia, Inc. The consortia of rural PHAs covers over 500 square miles and all of the agencies have banded

together to reconnect and strengthen families with Father's Day celebrations far and wide covering the Appalachia hills and Shenandoah Valley. Excitement builds as planned activities include meet and greet with a NASCAR driver and Pro Baseball player, picnic with the Tri-State Wildcats football team, movie night, games, inflatables, basketball team, and much more! There is a lot of Community involvement including volunteers and partners from Wal-Mart, Virginia State Police, Three Bells United Methodist Church, Bristol Public Schools, and Blue Ridge Job Corps.

The Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority initiated efforts to work with and support organizations that foster responsible fatherhood and help re-engage fathers in the lives of their children. Through collaborative endeavors, Norfolk RHA will host their Father's Day event on Saturday, June 16, 2012. Norfolk RHA successfully teamed with Norfolk State University and West Point Military Academy for this event. As a focal part of the Father's Day event, Norfolk State University will host a Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) workshop conducted by West Point Military Academy. West Point will present an educational outreach to encourage families to obtain and further their education and utilize available resources to produce a better financial future for fathers and their children. The outreach will emphasize that getting an education can be fun! In addition to the STEM workshop, the day of activities will include a panel discussion on fatherhood to promote unity with children and their fathers. The STEM workshop for the children will be held at the beautiful LEED Certified Grandy Village Learning Center and the fatherhood panel discussion for the fathers will be held simultaneously at Norfolk State University. After the STEM workshop and the fatherhood panel discussion, the children and fathers will be joined together for the remainder of the day for fun-filled activities at Grandy Village. The activities will include participation in games, basketball tournament, employment opportunities for the fathers, vendors, a barbecue, bike give away, and free Boys & Girls Club memberships.

Want to share what's happening at your *Father's Day* event?

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